



## ***Press Release***

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### **Judge Arthur Amchan Named Associate Chief Judge in Washington, D.C.**

The National Labor Relations Board announced today that Judge Arthur Amchan has been selected as the new associate chief administrative law judge in charge of the Washington, D.C. office of its Division of Judges. His new duties include assisting and filling in for Chief Administrative Law Judge Robert A. Giannasi.

The Judges Division, which also has offices in San Francisco, CA, Atlanta, GA, and New York, NY is responsible for docketing cases, conducting hearings and issuing initial decisions in unfair labor practice cases arising under the National Labor Relations Act. Those decisions may be appealed to the five-member Board, whose decisions are in turn subject to review by the United States Courts of Appeals.

Judge Amchan has been an NLRB judge for 13 years. Before coming to the Board, Judge Amchan served as an administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration and the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission. Prior to his appointment as an administrative law judge, he was an attorney at the Department of Labor. Judge Amchan received his undergraduate degree, magna cum laude, from Miami University of Ohio and his law degree from Harvard Law School. An army veteran who served in Viet Nam, Judge Amchan is the author of several books on American History. He lives in McLean, VA, with his wife, Susan. They have three grown children.

The National Labor Relations Board is an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1935 to administer the [National Labor Relations Act](#), the primary law governing relations between unions and employers in the private sector. The statute guarantees the right of employees to organize and to bargain collectively with their employers, and to engage in other protected concerted activity with or without a union, or to refrain from all such activity.

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